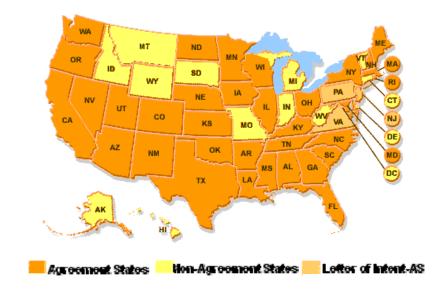
Bureau of Air and Radiation Passes Safety Review

The Bureau of Air and Radiation, Radiation Control Program recently was reviewed under the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP). IMPEP is required under Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) policies. NRC conducts IMPEP reviews to ensure that public health and safety are adequately protected from the hazards associated with the use of radioactive materials and that Agreement State programs are compatible with NRC's programs.

Kansas is an Agreement State, which means that it has signed an agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission under which the state regulates the use of byproduct, source, and small quantities of special nuclear material. There are 34 Agreement States and three states that have filed intent to become Agreement States. Kansas has been an Agreement State since Jan. 1, 1965.



There are three possible findings of an IMPEP review.

- Adequate to protect the public health and safety and either compatible or not compatible with NRC regulations
- Adequate, but needs improvement and either compatible or not compatible with NRC regulations
- Inadequate to protect public health and safety and either compatible or not compatible with NRC regulations

The preliminary report that was submitted by the IMPEP team indicated that the Kansas Radiation Control program was adequate to protect public health and safety and compatible with the NRC's program, which is the highest level attainable. These findings have been submitted to a Management Review Board which will make the final determination. The MRB is scheduled for mid-July.